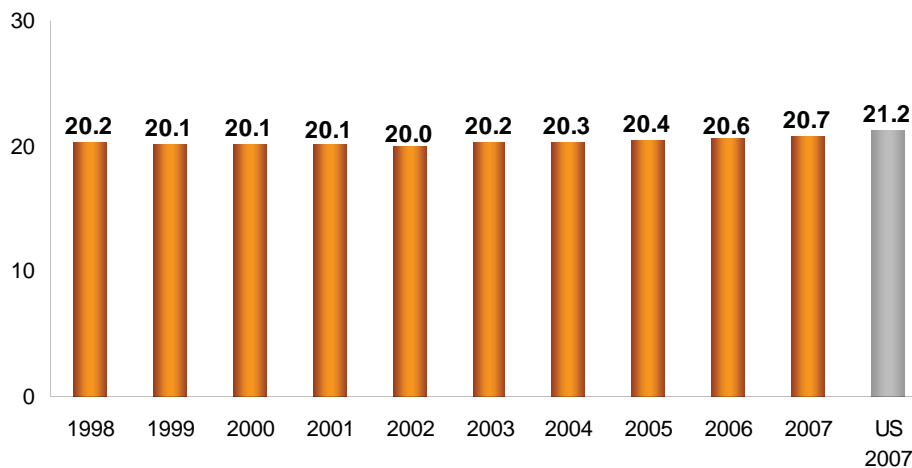




## Average ACT score

Status: Making progress

### Average ACT score of Kentucky high school students



Source: American College Testing, Inc.

### Highlights

- The average ACT score in 2007 was slightly higher than last year, up from 20.6 to 20.7.
- The average ACT score in Kentucky has increased by a half point since postsecondary reform began in 1998, and, after holding steady for four years, has been rising steadily since 2002.
- The performance gap between Kentucky and the nation narrowed from 0.8 in 1998 (US average in 1998 was 21) to 0.5 in 2007.
- 77% of Kentucky 2007 graduates (30,929) took the ACT, which was 1,143 more than last year and 2,719 more than in 1998.
- In Kentucky, 80% of the total examinees were white, 8% were African American, 1% were Hispanic, 1% were Asian American/Pacific Islander, and 9% gave no response.

### About this measure

The ACT is a standardized entrance exam that predicts high school students' ability to complete college-level work in four subject areas—English, math, reading, and science. This key indicator is updated annually by ACT, Inc., and represents the average composite score of all Kentucky test-takers who graduated in the current year.

ACT scores are a primary factor used in admitting students into college, determining eligibility for academic scholarships, and placing them in developmental education courses. Though improving, the data suggest the need for a more rigorous high school curriculum that better prepares students for college and is aligned with standardized college entrance exams.